

Here's 2 cents from our loosely assembled pile of experts

Adviser	Topic	Wisdom	Cost
The Advice People Scott Allison	Anything but religion or politics	 “The nickel is not for the money; it’s about investing in the question.”	5 cents
Basketball coach Jim Marsh	Anything basketball: basketball as sport, basketball as life, basketball to build character	 “Say their name and say it with a smile. Put something positive in the bank accounts, then when it comes time to preach a little bit, the kids will listen.”	Free, but you have to be among the best high school basketball players in Seattle
Psychotherapist Flora Coughlin, MSW	“It’s very individual, focused on . . . who you really are, what do you really feel, what do you really want?”	“People often say they want something, and as they talk about it, they realize they don’t really want that.”	Typically \$80–\$130 per session, up to \$300 for specialists
PurlyGirls knitting circle	Knitting, moisturizers, mothers, kids, pets, dating, hair removal, movies, restaurants . . .	 “When washing handknit gifts, DO NOT use hot water or agitate. Cold water and shampoo work best.”	Free; bring knitting project
Seattle University campus minister Mary Romer Cline MSW, MA divinity	Inner journeys, the stuff of life and purpose	“We are living in a time where things don’t fit. We yearn for our own material comfort and success when we know there are people who have been harmed by hurricanes, tsunamis and earthquakes . . . Paradoxes.”	Free to SU students; annual tuition \$23,000
Bartender Donna Freye	How to meet people, places to go, how to have fun, gossip fest among regulars	 “You can always tell what mood they’re in by how they say hello.”	Free; optional “Dirty Donna” specialty drink is \$7
Palm reader Jim Barker	“Entertainment or your issues: usually job, love life, money. Your hand has more active articulations than any other part of your body.”	“If the pinky finger is splayed, the position of the hand and other fingers will tell me whether they’re having an issue with their love life or if their philosophy about how the world works isn’t working.”	\$200 an hour for corporate parties, \$25 per ½ hour for individuals
Hair braider Awa Manneh	Hair, beauty, relationships, school, how to handle stress, self-care.	 “I like to do braiding for young girls because then I can explain to them the opportunities they have here, we don’t have in Africa, so they have to be serious about school, not hang around with bad people. I talk to them about how to be close to their mom.”	\$65 for cornrows, \$135 and up for singles
Nordstrom personal shopper Fanny Goldman	Clothing, colors, style, identity	“It’s about image, and with image is identity. When they feel happy with what they see on themselves in the mirror, they have more confidence. And when they are confident, it helps them find identity. . . .”	Consultation free, appointment recommended, no purchase required

